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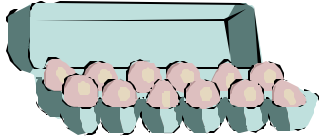
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, New England, and Chicago prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were irregular as weekly market adjustments take place. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate on mediums and adequate to fully adequate on larger sizes. Breaking stock supplies were generally sufficient for a moderate demand. Light type hens offerings were short to about adequate for reduced processing requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, the larger sizes were unchanged to 1 cent higher and mediums were unchanged to 5 cents higher; in Boston, large were unchanged to 1 cent higher and mediums were unchanged to 3 cents higher, when based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged on extra large in Boston and on all sizes in New England. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate and slightly better where features stimulated interest. Supplies were mostly adequate for trading needs. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were adequate to fully adequate for normal operating plant schedules. Light type hens were short to about adequate for reduced slaughter needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate and somewhat better where items were featured. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were unchanged for the larger sizes, up 4 cents for medium, and were 2 cents higher for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady at best for the larger sizes and mostly steady on mediums. Retail and food service demand was mostly fair with some scattered retail features providing extra interest. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and mostly adequate for the lighter weights. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were slightly more available for the mostly moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced. The trade sentiment was steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone steady. Retail and food service demand light to mostly moderate best where features are a factor. Supplies generally adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week. The market tone was generally steady. Retail demand was moderate and was best where featured. Supplies were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white carton large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 13th was 73.91 cents, 3.06 cents more than the week before and 28.66 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were short to about adequate for reduced processing requirements.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last week with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	99-101	96-98	65-67
New York	74-76	71-74	63-66
Philadelphia	72-74	70-72	61-63
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	68-69	66.5-68	55-56
Jackson (1)	76-77	75-76	64-65
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	79-93	77-91	61-75
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	65-70	64-69	55-60
Detroit (2)	62-65	61-64	51-54
Major Ohio Cities (2)	63-69	62-67	52-58
Major Wisconsin Cities	66-73	64-71	55-62
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	87-91	83-86	68-71
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	95	85

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last week. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 65. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets-large 18 pack 99.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	121		
EXTRA LARGE	104		
LARGE	95		
MEDIUM	85		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	159-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-185

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 20, 2000 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 13, 2000 were 269,805 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	232,108	37,697	269,805

% change from the prior week..... +9 +6 +9
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were slightly more available than the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate. Schedules fulltime. Floor stocks adequate to closely balanced. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	42-47	43-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	28-31	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonal and usually no better than moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	4-6	4.61

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were fully adequate for trade requirements. Processing schedules were reported as usually normal for current week. Supplies of canners were clearing. The market tone was mixed but usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2.5-9.5	2.5-6	4.48

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Oct 16,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.7	17.0	8.5	15.3	9.7 62.2
	Change	-0.9	1.9	-0.4	0.7	2.7 7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.0	42.0	13.9	26.4	22.5 127.8
	Change	0.0	6.8	0.2	3.3	0.5 9%
Large	Curr Wk	39.2	87.4	62.9	77.3	83.7 350.5
	Change	-1.6	10.4	2.0	8.1	-6.6 4%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	31.2	12.5	18.5	23.8 97.3
	Change	1.3	1.0	-0.8	1.0	1.6 4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	7.1	3.5	5.4	5.2 25.3
	Change	0.4	1.3	0.8	-0.5	-1.0 4%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	16.2	6.1	10.1	3.7 41.9
	Change	0.1	-0.1	-1.5	-0.9	-0.8 -7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.6	35.6	14.2	23.0	39.7 141.1
	Change	-1.0	8.2	-0.5	-3.4	2.8 5%
Total	Curr Wk	123.7	236.5	121.6	176.0	188.3 846.1
Percent	Change	-1%	14%	0%	5%	0% 4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	846.1	4%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	375.7	-4%	39
Total Shell Egg	1221.8	2%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 02, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 02, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	134	134	124	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 13, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
11.25								3.75				15.00			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	47.50	—	—	50.00	—	—	3.25	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.25
GNR W 2	—	—	—	48.00	45.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	51.64	57.00	2.75
GNR W 3	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	.75	GL W LG	53.00	55.00	—	—	52.00	57.00	2.25
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75								
GL W LG	—	—	53.00	55.00	—	—	1.75								
GL W MD	—	—	46.50	48.00	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	28.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	45.00	—	—	.50								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/09/00-10/13/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
86.00								25.50				111.50			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	47.88	56.67	50.50	50.86	51.75	—	19.50	GNR W 1	55.63	58.44	—	—	—	—	10.00
GNR W 2	—	52.00	47.00	48.00	44.50	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 3	—	75.00	—	—	47.36	—	5.50	GNR W 3	—	49.93	—	—	—	—	2.75
GNR W 4	—	38.00	33.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	66.50	69.30	1.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	54.75	56.25	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	50.50	56.00	—	—	52.62	58.93	9.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	56.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	51.00	55.00	—	—	54.00	57.76	10.25
GL W XL	—	59.00	54.50	55.60	53.60	—	13.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	60.00	59.60	52.10	54.63	47.40	—	12.25	NRBS - 48	44.00	46.67	—	—	—	—	6.00
GL W MD	46.00	48.50	43.33	45.00	—	46.50	10.50								
GL W SM	—	—	26.23	27.77	—	—	7.75								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	45.00	46.00	47.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	47.00	9.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	30.00	2.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/01/00 - 10/07/00

Origin State	CO	IA	MN	MO	MT	OR	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	0	800	0	0	0	1,261	1,620	3,681
C. CA	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	800
S. CA	4,352	9,724	3,220	2,430	820	0	3,218	23,762
TOTAL STATE	4,352	11,324	3,220	2,430	820	1,261	4,836	28,243

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	80-83	77-80	46-49	15-18

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
70-73	61-67	59-64	49-54	27-31

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
44-46	35-37	11-13

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
83.27	82.27	69.00	46.00

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/9/00	10/2/00	10/12/99
PACIFIC COAST	592	506	2
LOS ANGELES	540	454	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR OCTOBER 10, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 10/1/00-10/7/00
30-dozen cases 3,816

Receipts from the mainland: 9/24/00-9/30/00
30-dozen cases 5,293

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U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2000
COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,203,121	-6	8
FREE FLOWING	2,637,410	-35	-18
BLEND	990,703	-1	-11
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	6,530,113	4	122
BLEND	172,400	-18	-11
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,191,700	7	13
BLEND	57,200	63	-57
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	1,980,200	-8	-16
TOTAL	14,762,847	-8	22

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:
AUGUST 27, 2000 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2000
TOTAL 13,029,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plant from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.
